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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : **Response Under 37 CFR 1.116**
Expedited Procedure
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 Masanori MATSUURA : Customer Number: 20277
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 Application No.: 10/721,097 : Confirmation Number: 6177
 : Group Art Unit: 2185
 Filed: November 26, 2003 :
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 For: STORAGE DEVICE : Examiner: Kim, Daniel Y.

Mail Stop AF
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
☐ Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
☐ Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	6	20	0	\$50.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$200.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00

- ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

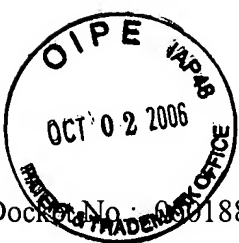
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2006 having a three-month shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on October 2, 2006 (September 30 is a Saturday), please amend the above identified application as follows.